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Minutes
Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
August 21, 2020
8:45 am – 10:15 am
Zoom meeting

Present: Joanna Abdallah, Paul Benson, Connie Bowman, James Brill, Sam Dorf, Deo Eustace, Mark Jacobs, Carissa Krane, Leslie Picca, Jason Pierce, Fran Rice,

Guests: Sean Falkowski (Faculty Board representative)

Excused: Andrea Seielstad

Opening

- Opening prayer/meditation – Fran
- Approval of minutes from 08/07/2020 ECAS meeting—minutes approved with revisions.

Announcements

- ECAS prayer signup: The signup sheet is in the ECAS folder

New Business

- Approve Agenda for Special Senate Meeting August 28: Agenda approved with minor revisions: 9 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.
 - Approve Resolution: COVID-19 Global Pandemic Impact: The resolution was reviewed by ECAS. Clarification was offered for some of the statements. Based on the discussion, revisions were made. Realizing the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted faculty and staff a suggestion for a longitudinal study was made on the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on faculty by discipline, and if evidence was found; what could Academic Senate do to address the findings. Vote to approve the resolution: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.
 - Approve Resolution: Commitment to Working Toward Anti-Racism: The resolution was reviewed by ECAS. Suggestions and clarifications were offered and revisions were made. Vote to approve the resolution: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.
- Approve Charges for APC to review 2 Transfer Policies--Due to time limitations, will be held for a future ECAS meeting.
- Approve Charge for FAC to update University Promotion & Tenure Policy--Due to time limitations, will be held for a future ECAS meeting.
- Discussion/Vote: Invite FT-NTT Senator to ECAS as guest: ECAS agreed to invite the FT-NTT senator to ECAS as a guest this year. Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain

Adjourned: 10:19

Respectfully submitted, Fran Rice

Old Business

Items for ECAS Attention

COVID-19 Pandemic Related:

- Faculty Review: not including SET in SP20
- Revisit workload policy
- Online teaching policy (from APC 2019-20); updating faculty handbook to include different modes of teaching

Function of Academic Senate:

- Senate Composition

Curricular Policies:

- CAP 5 year review

Faculty Issues & Concerns:

- Review of University Promotion & Tenure Policy (DOC 2006-10; UPTPTF; PRoPT; CEPT)
- Revise policies for evaluating teaching, research & service
- Review of SET

Requests Made of ECAS:

- Title IX Changes; invite Kim Bakota to discuss new requirements
- Honors Program Revisions; request from John McComb
- 2 Transfer policies to send to APC (wait for final copy from Carolyn)
- At each Senate meeting, have an update on 11 items for steps to become an anti-racist university; invite Assistant Provost of CAP Michelle Pautz to ECAS to discuss item #2 on curriculum

Carry-Over Recommendations:

- Mini-course approval (recommendation from ECAS 2019-20)
- Collaborate with Student Development/Aviate (recommendation from ECAS 2019-20)
- Academic Calendar Priorities Review (recommendation from APC 2018-19)

-Academic Misconduct (recommendation from SAPC 2019-20)